

9 September 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Subcommittee III, Advisory Committee  
on Foreign Language Publications

FROM: CIA Member

SUBJECT: Review of Exploitation Requirements not being  
met.

1. The CIA considers that nearly all of the proposals for additional exploitation of foreign language publications would be desirable, if they could be accomplished without disturbing present arrangements for other, valuable exploitation work. It is felt, however, that an expansion of this magnitude should be undertaken only after a careful balancing of the relative value of all the exploitation efforts which might overlap or conflict with these proposals.

2. Many of the proposed additional services might be performed in conjunction with or in lieu of present exploitation of the same basic sources. This might involve a deliberate sacrifice of expert subject consideration by FDD in order to maintain as wide a range as possible. Where the two are in conflict, every effort should be made to make available the maximum number of summary items on subjects of high priority; refinements, such as the assembling of connected reports on given subjects, are considered by the consuming elements of this Agency to be of secondary value.

3. On the assumption that a review of the entire exploitation program must be undertaken in the near future, we are not commenting in detail at this time on the proposals. However, we will be glad to discuss the program as a whole, or any portion of the program, should this seem advisable.

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